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1.

WHILE WE APPRECIATE FONMIN'S CONCERNS,
WE BELIEVE ROKG SHOULD NOT BE WHOLLY NEGATIVE
ON FAHMY'S EFFORTS. WHILE WE BELIEVE IT DOUBTFUL NORTH
KOREA WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO ANY THIRD PARTY INITIATIVE ON
NORTH-SOUTH TALKS, FAHMY MIGHT PLAY USEFUL ROLE IN UNLIKELY
EVENT NORTH WERE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE DISCUSSIONS WITH
ROKG.

2. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE BELIEVE ROKG SHOULD NOT PUT IT-
SELF IN POSITION OF REFUSING AN OFFER TO ASSIST IN
RESUMPTION DIRECT SOUTH-NORTH CONTACTS. THIS COUNTER TO
PUBLIC POSITION OF ROK AS WELL AS USG ON ENCOURAGEMENT

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OF TALKS. THEREFORE, OBVIOUSLY WE BELIEVE ROK CONGEN'S

REPORTED RESPONSE REF C IS MOST BENEFICIAL FROM ROKG
POINT OF VIEW AND PUTS ISSUE UP TO NORTH KOREANS. KISSINGER

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